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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: ARMORED CAR WINDSHIELDS

FOR RSO

REF: LA PAZ 3754

1. SY NOW IN PROCESS OF PURCHASING THREE ARMORED WINDSHIELDS, THE SECOND OF WHICH WILL BE FOR LA PAZ VEHICLE. THIS WINDSHIELD WILL BE SUPERIOR TO PRESENT LAMINATED CONFIGURATION, AND WILL BE A MONOLITHIC POLYCARBONATE WITH HARDENED INNER AND OUTER SURFACES. WE HAVE ALREADY PURCHASED AND INSTALLED TWO, IN ANKARA AND TEHRAN, AND THEY APPEAR TO OFFER GOOD OPTICS AND HOLD UP WELL ENVIRONMENTALLY. UNFORTUNATELY, LA PAZ'S WINDSHIELD WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE ON POST BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1974. IT CAN BE INSTALLED BY WASHINGTON BASED SEABEES AT LA PAZ. THERE ARE NO OTHER ARMORED WINDSHIELDS AVAILABLE NOW, SINCE THIS IS NOT A SHELF ITEM AND MUST BE CUSTOM FABRICATED FOR A SPECIFIC CAR, WHICH IS WHAT WE ARE DOING NOW.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, IF PRESENT WINDSHIELD DETERIORATES TO THE POINT OF RENDERING THE VEHICLE UNSAFE TO DRIVE, SUGGEST A STOCK WINDSHIELD BE INSTALLED UNTIL NEW ARMORED ONE ARRIVES. PROTECTION ON THREE SIDES IS BETTER THAN JUST  
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OPAQUE ARMOR WITH NO TRANSPARENT ARMOR AT ALL.

3. IF YOU CANNOT PURCHASE WINDSHIELD LOCALLY, WE WILL  
PURCHASE AND SHIP ONE TO YOU. IT IS BETTER, HOWEVER, IF  
YOU PURCHASE LOCALLY, SINCE THERE IS A DANGER OF BREAKAGE  
IN SHIPMENT. SISCO

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